

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace Paragraph [0080] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

As shown in FIG. 6, each of the caps 73 includes a cap main body 81 and a cap holder 82. The cap main body 81 is urged upward by two springs 87 and held by the cap holder 82 so as to be able to move slightly in a vertical direction. In an upper surface of the cap main body 81, a concave part 83 is formed, which houses each of the two arrays of ejection nozzles 39 of the function liquid droplet ejection head 31. In a peripheral portion of the concave part 83, a seal packing 84 is fitted. An absorber 85 is laid on a bottom of the concave part 83 while being pressed by a pressing frame 86. During the suction of the function liquid droplet ejection head 31, the seal packing 84 is pressed against the nozzle forming surface 38 of the function liquid droplet ejection head 31 and is adhered thereto. Thus, the nozzle forming surface 38 is sealed so as to include the two arrays of ejection nozzles 39 therein. An air open valve (relief valve) 88 is provided in each of the caps 73 so as to open to atmosphere at the bottom side of the concave part 83 (see FIG. 6). At the final stage of the suction operation, the relief valve 88 is opened to atmosphere air and thus the function liquid contained in the absorber 85 can also be sucked.